

REMARKS

The claims now pending in the application are Claims 34 to 48, the independent claims being Claims 34, 40 and 43 to 48. Claims 1 to 33 have been cancelled. Claims 34 to 48 are newly presented.

In the Official Action dated March 18, 2004, the title has been objected to as not descriptive of the claimed invention. Claims 1 to 5, 8, 9, 13 to 19, 22, 23 and 27 to 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,366,731 (Na), Claims 6, 7, 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as unpatentable over the Na '731 patent in view of U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2002/0133820 (Arai), and Claims 10 to 12 and 24 to 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as unpatentable over the Na '731 patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,977,455 (Young). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection and rejections respectfully are requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Initially, in formal matters, Applicants have proposed a new title which describes more clearly the claimed invention, as requested by the Examiner.

The specification has been amended as to matters of form, including English spelling, grammar, idiom, syntax and the like. Support for the proposed amendments may be found in the original application. No new matter has been added.

The rejections of the claims over the cited art respectfully are traversed. Nevertheless, without conceding the propriety of the rejections, Claims 1 to 33 have been cancelled herein in favor of newly presented Claims 34 to 48, which have been added to provide Applicants with an additional scope of protection commensurate with the disclosure. Support for the proposed amendments may be found in the original application. No new matter has been added.

Applicants submit that the prior art fails to anticipate the present invention. Moreover, Applicants submit that there are differences between the subject matter sought

to be patented and the prior art, such that the subject matter taken as a whole would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made.

Claims 34, 40, 43 and 44

Applicants submit that none of the cited reference, alone or in any combination, discloses or suggests at least the features of storing in memory of a recording apparatus information of a plurality of channels (or programs) receivable (or selectable) by an external receiver, and controlling output of from the recording apparatus to the external receiver of a signal designating a channel/program of the plurality of channels/programs, thereby to record a television signal from the external receiver in response to the channel/program designating output signal, as disclosed and claimed in the present application.

Claims 45 to 48

Applicants submit that none of the cited reference, alone or in any combination, discloses or suggests at least the feature of sending information of a plurality of channels (or programs) receivable (or selectable) by a receiver to an external recording apparatus, as disclosed and claimed in the present application..

For the above reasons, Applicants submit that independent Claims 34, 40 and 43 to 48 are allowable over the cited art.

Claims 35 to 39, 41 and 42 depend from Claims 34 and 40, respectively, and are believed allowable for the same reasons. Moreover, each of these dependent claims recites additional features in combination with the features of independent Claims 1, 13 and 27, and is believed allowable in its own right. Individual consideration of the dependent claims respectfully is requested.

Applicants believe that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action, and submit that the application is in allowable form. Favorable consideration of the claims and passage to issue of the present application at the Examiner's earliest convenience earnestly are solicited.

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